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NEW GERMAN NOTE STEP TOWARD PEACE

Considered a Prelude to a Series of Carefully Considered Moves in Great Game of Diplomacy

NO DIVULGENCE MADE OF PEACE TERMS

Favorable to an Immediate Meeting of Delegates of Belligerent Nations to Exchange Peace Views—Note is Viewed at Entente Ally Embassies as a Document for Circulation in Germany and Neutral Countries With the Object of Placing Responsibility for Continuance of the War on the Entente Rather Than as Answer to President Wilson's Communication—Official Copy Had Not Been Received by President Wilson Last Night.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's note is regarded here as having advanced the peace movement another step despite the fact that it disappoints in not meeting his suggestion for an avowal of terms.

The reception of Germany's reply receives among the entente allies, whose statesmen have publicly declared against such a program, now becomes the point upon which a further move is hinged. The German note probably is the prelude to a series of carefully considered moves in the great game of world diplomacy, all possibly leading to an appeal for a real discussion of peace terms on grounds which all the belligerents may feel can place them at no disadvantage.

This is the official view of Germany's reply so far as it has been formulated on the basis of the unofficial text. The official copy had not been received tonight and President Wilson was keeping his mind open.

Neutral diplomatic quarters, too, regarded the note as a step toward peace and rather leaned to the view that Germany might follow it with a confidential communication of some sort outlining her terms.

The view of the entente ally embassies, however, was that the note was not an answer to President Wilson's communication but rather a document for circulation in Germany and in neutral countries with the object of molding opinion to place the responsibility for continuing the war on the entente.

Among the German diplomats the only view expressed was one of surprise that the reply had preceded receipt of the entente's response to Germany's original peace proposal of December 12.

It was everywhere agreed that the principal sticking point was the fact of a definite statement of terms such as President Wilson asked and such

as Lloyd George declared the allies would require if they were not to put their "heads in a noose with the rope ends in the hands of the Germans." It is not beyond the realm of diplomacy, however, to find a way to bridge that difficulty and Germany's failure is not regarded as a block to the negotiations although it makes them exceedingly difficult.

Germany's declaration that she regarded the work of securing the world against future wars as a work to be taken up after the present conflict is ended was regarded with a diversity of opinion.

Officials who turned back and compared the statement with the phrases of President Wilson's note did not find the two out of harmony, nor in disagreement with the president's public utterances on a world league to preserve peace, yet there was an indefinable opinion abroad in official quarters that the ending of the war and the safeguarding of peace of the future were a joint problem so inseparable that one depended on the other. Those taking this view referred to Lloyd George's declaration that in agreement with our allies, we could not enter a conference only if Germany would first openly offer "reparation, restitution and guarantees."

Germany's reply is regarded as failing to do this, but its suggestion that the work be left for the future, it is feared, may raise a difficult obstacle for the allied statesmen to surmount with their own people to whom an absolutely durable peace has been held out as one of the main justifications of the war. It also has been sheathed by allied statesmen with the terms which would end the conflict.

Despatches today from Petrograd, outlining the official view there, forecasting that the allies would not discuss peace terms until they stood in military possession of territory they claim attracted much attention.

TROLLEY CAR JUMPED ON TRACKS IN WATERBURY

Crashed into a Three-story Building—No One Seriously Injured.

Waterbury, Dec. 26.—A double track trolley car ran away on Congress avenue, a steep hill in the Brooklyn section of Waterbury this afternoon and after a wild dash for almost a quarter of a mile, jumped the tracks, crossed Bank street and crashed against a three-story brick building on Bank street, owned by John Tokes.

The car, which was carrying passengers on the car, two women, one of whom had an infant child, but neither was seriously hurt, although all were badly shaken up. The crew of the car had just changed poles at a switch point, when the car started to roll down hill. They jumped aboard and stuck to the car, escaping without injury. It is understood the absence of "air" caused the car to start. Several big plate glass windows were broken before the runaway car came to a stop on the sidewalk and shoppers in the stores were almost in a panic when the glass started to fly about their heads. The runaway car narrowly escaped colliding with Fire Chief Heitman's automobile. The chief was on his way to a fire a few feet away from where the runaway trolley stopped.

SAN LUIS POTOSI IN POSSESSION OF VILLA.

Tampico is Believed to Be Objective of Bandit Chieftain.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—A report was issued late today by sources known to be close to Francisco Villa and by government agents saying that Villa's forces captured San Luis Potosi yesterday. Many foreigners who left Torreon before Villa attacked that town recently went to San Luis Potosi. No details are available.

San Luis Potosi is southeast of Torreon, on the National railroad line, between Aguascalientes and Tampico. Tampico is believed to be Villa's objective, in order to obtain a port through which he can import supplies. Villa was reported to be between Torreon and Chihuahua preparing to attack Chihuahua soon.

In anticipation of this attack General Francisco Murguía was reported to have ordered General Francisco Gonzales, former commander in Juarez, to proceed south at once to reinforce the Chihuahua garrison.

Snowfall of 17 inches
AT BISMARCK, N. D.
Broke Record Fall for 24 Hours Made Twenty Years Ago.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 26.—A blizzard with a snowfall of 17 inches in 24 hours today broke the record of the fall during the great blizzard 20 years ago last November. In the wake of the 36-mile gale carrying the blizzard is a zero wave.

Cabled Paragraphs

Swedish Peace Note.
London, Dec. 27, 2:00 a. m.—The Daily Telegraph says it understands Swedish note, identical in purport to the note of the Swiss government concerning President Wilson's peace initiative, has been presented to the belligerent governments.

No German Shipping Shuts For Sale.
Amsterdam, Dec. 26, via London, 6:35 p. m.—The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that the Bundesrat has forbidden the sale abroad in India of German shipping shares, the object being to prevent an undesirable foreign influence in German shipping.

UNNECESSARY DETENTION OF FREIGHT CARS INDICATED
By Reports of Special Agents of Department of Justice.

Boston, Dec. 26.—A widespread and unnecessary detention of freight cars in various parts of the country together with an abnormal shortage of the cars abroad in India, by reports of special agents of the department of justice and inspectors of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal District Attorney George W. Anderson stated today, Mr. Anderson, who is conducting the federal government's inquiry into the high cost of food and other necessities, asks the co-operation of railroads in reporting to him all unnecessary detentions of freight cars.

In letters sent today to President Howard Elliott of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, President James H. Hunt of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and Vice President Howard M. Biscoe of the Boston & Albany Railroad, Mr. Anderson said:

"In and about some cities (I shall not of course now state where) we find that freight cars have been kept after reaching the delivery point from two to five times the normal period required for unloading. Such facts are exceedingly suspicious. The point to probable combinations in restraint of trade, particularly when we find them accompanied by greatly enhanced prices of goods, is a matter of serious concern. It must have accrued to some of the persons apparently responsible for such detention of cars.

"I suggest that there be now a systematic co-operation by the railroads with this department through your furnishing to this department at frequent intervals, periodically, lists of cars held unloaded over 48 hours; also lists of cars unusually delayed in reaching destination by reason of the unusual detention of freight cars.

"If this proposition meets your approval, I suggest that certain competent men be designed to co-operate with the department of justice in working out all necessary details.

"With such an arrangement I think we can have speedily and effectively brought to the attention of the public the facts of the department and its efforts to assist the railroads."

WAR CONFERENCE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND HER COLONIES
Prime Minister of Each of the Dominions is to be Invited to Attend.

London, Dec. 26, 7:45 p. m.—The secretary of state for the colonies has sent a telegram to the dominions explaining the purpose of the forthcoming imperial conference announced by Premier Lloyd George. The telegram explains that what the government contemplates is not an ordinary imperial conference but a special conference of the empire.

The prime minister of each of the dominions is invited to attend a series of special meetings of the war cabinet in order to consider urgent questions affecting the prosecution of the war, possible conditions on which the dominions might be invited to assist in its termination and problems which would then immediately arise.

The premiers are urged to attend at an early date—not later than the end of February.

SAVANNAH DIDN'T GO TO AID OF MARYLAND
Captain Was Informed Coast Guard Cutters Had Gone to Her Assistance.

Boston, Dec. 26.—The steamship City of Savannah, which reported early today as hurrying to the assistance of the sinking steamship Maryland, arrived tonight from Savannah.

Captain Hammond of the City of Savannah, who he offered to go to the Maryland's assistance when he picked up her call for help, but was informed by the director of the coast guard cutters Gresham and Acushnet were speeding to her aid. He expressed the opinion that it would be futile for him to attempt to reach the Maryland in time to be of assistance to her.

The Maryland's position was reported as 260 miles off Block Island, officers of the City of Savannah said.

No further signals were heard from the steamer Maryland yesterday.

OBITUARY

Right Rev. Henry J. Richter.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 26.—Right Rev. Henry J. Richter, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Grand Rapids, died here at 2 o'clock this afternoon of pneumonia.

Bishop Henry Joseph Richter was born in Germany April 1, 1858. In 1880 he went to Rome, where for five years he studied in the American college.

He was consecrated a bishop, in April, 1883, and immediately took up the administration of the Grand Rapids diocese.

Selecting Small Jurors.
Ossipee, N. H., Dec. 26.—Four of the jurors who are to listen to the evidence in the trial of Frederick L. Small, a former Boston broker, charged with the murder of his wife Florence Arlene Small, were selected today.

Movements of Steamships.
Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—Arrived: steamer United States, New York. Falmouth, Dec. 24.—Sailed: Steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, New York.

Official Returns Presidential Vote

WILSON, PLURALITY IN ENTIRE COUNTRY WAS 568,822.

18,638,810 BALLOTS CAST

Total Popular Vote Shows an Increase of 3,631,589 Over Previous Presidential Election—Socialist Vote Was 750,000, Prohibition 275,101.

New York, Dec. 26.—Complete official returns of the presidential election show that Mr. Wilson received 9,114,284 votes and Mr. Hughes 5,547,474, a plurality of 3,566,810 for the president. In 1912 Wilson (democrat) received 8,924,322; Taft (republican), 8,346,339; Roosevelt (progressive), 4,124,595.

The vote for Mr. Benson, socialist candidate for president, was 750,000, with eight missing states estimated. In 1912 he received 750,000. In 1912 and for Mr. Hanly, prohibitionist candidate, was 225,101, against 207,923 for Chaffin (prohibition) in 1912.

The total popular vote for the four candidates was 18,638,810, an increase of 15,054,322 in 1912. This is an increase of 3,593,549, accounted for by the increased population and the women vote in the new suffrage states.

Vote by States.

The following is a table showing the vote by states for Wilson and Hughes:

State	Wilson	Hughes
Alabama	97,776	25,062
Arizona	32,170	20,524
Arkansas	112,136	49,827
California	466,289	462,516
Colorado	178,816	102,508
Connecticut	94,738	42,533
Delaware	24,521	25,794
Florida	56,108	14,611
Georgia	125,831	11,225
Idaho	29,021	8,568
Illinois	950,081	1,152,316
Indiana	234,063	341,095
Iowa	221,699	230,449
Kansas	114,587	27,456
Kentucky	269,900	241,854
Louisiana	78,875	6,844
Maine	64,118	69,508
Maryland	128,359	11,747
Massachusetts	247,855	258,812
Michigan	236,775	339,097
Minnesota	179,152	179,544
Mississippi	80,382	4,253
Missouri	398,032	369,329
Montana	101,063	67,750
Nebraska	158,827	117,771
Nevada	12,000	12,127
New Hampshire	43,719	27,456
New Jersey	211,018	268,882
New Mexico	33,553	31,161
New York	1,268,880	1,275,510
North Carolina	114,587	27,456
North Dakota	55,271	92,651
Ohio	604,846	514,336
Oklahoma	148,123	97,233
Oregon	128,359	12,127
Pennsylvania	521,784	703,734
Rhode Island	40,394	44,858
South Carolina	61,346	1,809
South Dakota	59,147	64,861
Tennessee	153,334	116,114
Texas	289,900	64,949
Utah	84,025	54,133
Vermont	29,021	8,568
Virginia	102,824	49,359
Washington	182,388	167,244
West Virginia	140,403	143,124
Wisconsin	314,063	221,699
Wyoming	28,316	21,888
Totals	9,114,284	5,547,474

FRANZ BOPP DENIES VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY.

States He Neither Forwarded Nor Directed Dynamiting Attempts.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—Franz Bopp, German consul, today denied under cross examination during his trial with six associates for conspiracy to violate neutrality that Captain Franz von Papen, former military attaché of the German embassy at Washington, had financed or directed the alleged dynamiting attempts charged against the San Francisco consuls.

"Von Papen was in San Francisco during 1915, Bopp said, but chiefly for recreation. It was in that year the government alleged various dynamite plots against allied munition shipments and Canadian railroad property were planned and executed.

"Further limitations on the inquiry were imposed by the court today. Judge Morton ruled that before going deeper into details of proposed plans of reparation, evidence should be introduced tending to show that the present board of directors was improperly interested or influenced to bring about the removal of the German consuls. Minority stockholders have alleged that the directors were guilty of breach of trust and were in collusion with the petroleum creditors in assenting to the receivership.

TWO PROBABLY FATAL ACCIDENTS IN MIDDLETOWN

Elderly Man Fell Heavily and a Woman's Dress Caught Fire.

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 26.—Merritt S. Brooks, aged 84, falling to notice an extra step at the doorway of a store here from which he was leaving, today, plunged head-first to the sidewalk and is at the hospital possibly dying from cranial and other injuries.

In the Middlesex hospital also, in a dying condition, is Mrs. Annie Cooper, of Philadelphia, whose dress caught fire last night from a gas radiator in the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles H. Bowers of Washington street.

GEN. JOFFRE TO BE MADE MARSHAL OF FRANCE

In Recognition of His Eminent Services to His Country.

Paris, Dec. 26, 11:15 p. m.—The government has decided to raise General Joffre to the dignity of marshal of France in recognition of his eminent services to the country. A decree nominating him will be submitted to the ratification of parliament as soon as possible.

The title of marshal of France has fallen into disuse since the establishment of the third republic. A bill, in 1873, regulating the army grades, retained the rank, but specified that the conditions under which it could be conferred should be fixed by a supplementary bill. That bill, however, has never been proceeded with.

German Arms in Ascendancy

CONTINUE GAINS OVER RUSSIANS AND RUMANIANS

CAPTURE 5,500 RUSSIANS

British Victory Over Turks at Maghaba, 90 Miles East of the Suez Canal, Was of Great Proportions—Artillery Active on Other Fronts.

Rumania continues the theatre of greatest activities. In northern Wallachia, along the southern Moldavian border, Araba Dobroja the Teutonic allies continue to make gains over the Russians and Rumanians. Thirty miles southwest of Braila the invaders have captured the town of Filipesti, and west of Rimnik Sarat are on the offensive. In this latter region during the past few days 5,500 Russians have been made prisoner.

In Mesopotamia the British forces are still in quest of Kut-el-Amara, in which sector they have made further advances on the right bank of the Tigris and consolidated an extended position south and east of the town. Gassaba Fort, twenty miles southeast of Kut, a base from which British forces have been operating against the British, has been destroyed.

The British victory over the Turks at Maghaba, 90 miles east of the Suez canal, was of great proportions. In addition to making prisoner of 1,350 men of the Turkish force of about 3,000 soldiers, a large number of rifles, much ammunition and large quantities of other war stores were captured.

On other fronts there have been only artillery engagements.

TIME LIMIT FOR MEXICAN PROTOCOL HAS EXPIRED

Indications Are That a Belated Ratification by Carranza Would Be Accepted.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Although General Carranza had not replied tonight to the demand of the United States that he either ratify or repudiate the protocol drawn by the Mexican-American joint commission, the expiration of the time limit was not made the occasion for formally declaring the negotiations at an end.

While the time expired at midnight, officials were inclined to take into consideration that a reply might have been delayed and indicated that a favorable reply even though a day or more late would not be rejected inasmuch as an adjustment of the international difficulties was the chief object.

Refusal to accept the terms of the agreement, under which American troops would be withdrawn from Mexico, and the closing of negotiations through the joint commission for adjustment of the questions at issue between the United States and Carranza, however, has not been heard of since. Bennett took his load of mail out Friday morning as usual.

B. & M. LEASED LINE SYSTEM WRONG IN PRINCIPLE

In Opinion of Henry B. Day, Federal Trustee of the Stock.

ONE OF THE MOST DRASTIC FLOODS IN THE HISTORY OF COLOMBIA IS REPORTED

The Magdalena overflowed the lower valley, which is fifteen miles wide, inundating Calamar, Maganague and many other towns.

John D. Rockefeller and Mrs. Finley J. Shapard Played Santa Claus to Telegraph Operators and Telephone Employees.

To all those in the vicinity of their Westchester estates, they gave ten dollar gold pieces.

EBENEZER M. CROFOT, AGED 92 YEARS, COLUMBIAN TRUANT OFFICER, ENUNCIATION SERVED AS AN AMBULANCE DRIVER WITH THE AMERICAN VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS.

When the steamship Touraine, of the French Line left for Bordeaux she carried eight more Americans who are going to France to offer that nation their services as ambulance drivers with the American Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

EDWARD D. WATERS, AGED 38, ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN CHIEFS OF THE QUICKS IN WESTERN CONNECTICUT, WAS FOUND DEAD IN THE BATHROOM OF HIS HOME AT BRIDGEPORT EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING. GAS WAS THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

Strain of trying to provide a living for herself and seven-year-old son, while her husband is on the Mexican border with the Sixty-ninth regiment, New York, caused a woman to faint in the regiment's armory while awaiting relief.

TWO MEN PUSHED THEIR WAY THROUGH CHRISTMAS THRONES NEAR THE CAPITOL IN PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WASHINGTON, THREW A BRICK INTO THE PLATEGLASS WINDOW OF A JEWELRY STORE AND MADE OFF WITH SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS' WORTH OF JEWELRY.

Private Dixon, of the Eighth Ohio Infantry, will be called before a summary court to answer the charge of having drafted a "round robin" for 400 members of the regiment and sent to an Akron (Ohio) newspaper but intercepted en route.

Small pockets for valuables, intended to be fashioned to linings of shoes, have been patented.

Condensed Telegrams

Sing Sing convicts received truckloads of gifts from friends.

Mrs. Bennett, of Brooklyn, age 105, prepared her Christmas dinner.

Burglars robbed Mrs. Eve Finan of New York of jewels worth \$1,000.

Capt. Bartlett has given up hope of starting for the Arctic next summer.

Miss Ruth Orkin, a fashion artist, injured her ankle in a mysterious fall in New York.

American sled dogs are being used by the French army in the campaign in the Vosges.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has received from a "Mr. Smith" \$4,000,000.

Lincoln's statue on exhibition at the Union Theological Seminary, attracted thousands of visitors.

Percy Woodland, a famous jockey, was shot down while operating with the Royal Flying Corps of Egypt.

Mrs. Charles W. Ness, 77, was found dead, seated in a chair at her home in Meriden, from gas poisoning.

John Rudy, who served 30 years for shooting his father, shot a woman and then killed himself at Lancaster, Pa.

Jack Marshall, of Manassas, N. Y., rescued a man who attempted to imitate Santa Claus and got jammed in the chimney.

The Erskine Hotel at Lake Hopatcong, N. J., one of the oldest of the resort has been burned. What started the fire is not known.

Lieutenant Simpson, an American flyer with the French army, was mentioned for gallantry a short time before he was killed in action.

Twelve white mice were responsible for a fire and tenement panic in Liberty Street, Brooklyn. They were let loose by a joker and gnawed matches.

When former President Taft was asked in Philadelphia what he thought of President Wilson's note he replied, "I see that clearly all the Christmas trains are late."

The Second Chamber of Holland's Parliament has decided that the article of the constitution which will raise the salaries of members from \$800 to \$1200 a year.

The winter home of Mrs. Mabel Hunt Slater, wealthy widow of N. H. Slater of Boston, has been offered as a Christmas token to the Webster Boys' and Girls' Club of the city.

New York "newsies" 500 of those who peddle papers in the downtown business district, are celebrating the Bruce Memorial Newsboys' Home with turkey and trimmings.

The Birmingham News and the Birmingham Ledger, afternoon papers, announced that subscription rates would be advanced \$1 because of the increased cost of news print paper.

Alfred T. Bennett, a rural mail carrier, at Geneva, N. Y., mysteriously disappeared on Friday, and has not been heard of since. Bennett took his load of mail out Friday morning as usual.

The steamship Kristianfjord of the Norwegian-American line has arrived bringing two cases of suspected smallpox among the steerage passengers. The patients were taken to Swinburne Island.

The cholera epidemic has greatly abated in Japan. The new cases have been reported in Tokyo since Nov. 15, and the rate of increase throughout the empire has fallen to about twenty cases daily.

Louis Glayre, of Tolland Turnpike, near South Manchester, a wood dealer, committed suicide by drinking poison. No reason is known for the act. His wife and several children survive.

One of the most disastrous floods in the history of Colombia is reported. The Magdalena overflowed the lower valley, which is fifteen miles wide, inundating Calamar, Maganague and many other towns.

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Tornado in South Central Arkansas

NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED PLACED AT 17 TO 70

ALL WIRES ARE DOWN

Storm is Said to Have Swept a Path About Four Miles Wide and It is Reported That Several Fires Have Broken Out in the Wreckage.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.—From 11 to 70 persons were killed in a tornado that struck south-central Arkansas this afternoon, according to reports received here tonight.

Four are known to be dead at England, 17 reported killed at Keo and several are reported killed at the state convict labor farm at Tucker.

All Wires Down.

All wires into the storm area are down. The known dead the Albert J. Swarts, a farmer, and three negroes who lived near England. The Swarts' home was carried 100 yards. Mrs. Swarts was probably fatally injured and a 13 year old daughter was hurt.

The storm is said to have swept a path about four miles wide and it is reported that several fires broke out in the wreckage. Every physician in the little town of England has gone to the country to care for the injured.

Alarm Over Situation at Convict Farm.

Considerable alarm is felt over the situation at the state convict farm at Tucker, where there is said to have been a heavy death list. There are about 325 prisoners at the farm. Captain R. J. Winkett, warden of the state penitentiary, tonight took reinforcements for the guard at Tucker.

The death of three persons and the injury of five others are reported from Carlisle, 23 miles east of Little Rock. The dead are three little girls, Choice and Altae Padgett and Frances Snow. Other members of the Padgett and Snow families were reported injured. Several houses were blown down in that neighborhood.

Scenes of Destruction.

Passengers arriving tonight on a train that passed through the storm area reported scenes of destruction, but had no authentic information as to the number killed and injured. "We saw furniture in trees tops," said one passenger. "Wires were blown down, trees uprooted or snapped off and the ground was covered with wreckage. There were terrific flashes of lightning and torrents of rain."

The storm extended to Pine Bluff, where a house was demolished and a number of barns and outbuildings destroyed or damaged. No deaths were reported in Pine Bluff.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF ALL RAILROADS INEVITABLE Unless Rates Are Adjusted to Conform to the Expenses.

New York, Dec. 26.—Unless railroad rates are adjusted to conform to expenses, federal control of the country's railroads is inevitable, according to the annual report of the general executive committee of the Railway Business Association, made public here tonight.

"If total revenues are not made adequate to total expenses," the report states, "no question will long remain as between federal and state authority, because sooner or later the federal government will have to take over the roads. In that case the states would lose all voice whatever and federal regulation, if any, would be a mere formality."

The committee also pointed out the commission to permit rates adequate to carry the national business and develop the country leaves out the essential ingredient without which the whole compound is valueless.

"The present law," the report points out, "declares that the rates shall be just, reasonable and non-discriminatory."

BATTLESHIP DELAWARE RAMMED BY NAVAL TUG

A Hole Three Feet in Diameter Stove in Big Ship's Stern.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—The battleship Delaware was rammed and a hole three feet in diameter was stove in her stern about the middle of the night today. No one was injured. The Delaware was being towed by the tug Sonoma at the navy yard here late today. No one was injured. The Sonoma was towing her through a fleet of twenty or more warships when she struck the Delaware a full-blow at half speed. The armor plate at the stern is not so thick as that on the sides and was pierced by the tug's sharp nose. The Sonoma's bow was badly damaged.

The Delaware was scheduled to sail from here January 6, but will be delayed two weeks as a result of the accident. The navy yard commandant has ordered an inquiry.

SNOW IN LOS ANGELES FOR SIXTH TIME IN 40 YEARS.

Far Western States in the Grip of a Cold Wave.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—Far western states were in the grip of the coldest weather in the season. The snow fell in Los Angeles for the sixth time in forty years today. In Helena, Mont., thermometers registered 29 degrees below zero. In the northern part of the state a foot of snow in eastern Washington and Montana, and transcontinental trains were running behind schedule.

Munsterberg Estate \$5,000.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 26.—The late Professor Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard University left an estate of \$5,000 according to an appraisal filed in the probate court here today. He died without leaving a will and his wife, Mrs. Selma I. Munsterberg, has filed administration papers.